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of the founding of

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Wednesday, October 15, 1941

Kansas City, Missouri



Entrance to Donnelly Hall

Ground broken . . . . June 6, 1940 Foundation begun . . August 25, 1940 Cornerstone laid . . February 16, 1941 Building completed . September 1, 1941 First class held . . September 15, 1941

#### SEAL ON THE CORNERSTONE OF DONNELLY HALL:

• The open book represents Saint Teresa of Avila, patron of the college. A lily, the emblem of Saint Joseph, is inscribed above the book. Across the book is written the motto of the school: "Deo Adiuvante non Timendum" . . . "with God helping us, we need not fear."

#### As we look back . . .

Through the mists of years we see the rambling walls of the old convent at Twelfth and Washington Streets, with its well-kept lawns and fine large shade trees. We see our companions coming and going through the historic iron gates, first as children, then as growing girls, and later as young ladies wearing their graduating medals.

In retrospect we see Mother Fidelia, a most capable superior, and all the other sisters who were our teachers. It seems but yesterday when Sister Teresa and Sister Pauline were drilling us on our scales and coaxing us to like Bach; when Sister Laurentine and Sister Columbine



The first convent of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Carondelet in the United States was a primitive log cabin erected in 1836 on the banks of the Mississippi at Saint Louis.

were helping us with our problems in algebra and geometry, and telling us about the beauties of English literature; when Sister Cecilia was showing us how to pronounce the French alphabet.

Then there was Sister Amelia in her studio. What happy hours we spent there learning to paint and to draw while a far-off piano tinkled in the distance. Even if we did not paint any masterpieces with the cobalt blues, the rose-madders, and the

burnt-Siennas that lay like glittering jewels on our palettes, we were, at least, able to recognize these colors as old friends when we saw them, soft and gleaning, in the paintings in foreign galleries.

Among the memories we cherish of our Alma Mater, the old Saint Teresa's Academy, the visit of His Eminence Francis Cardinal Satolli stands out prominently, in 1896.

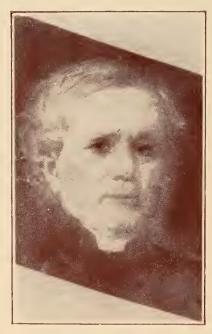
These teachers, whom we have mentioned, as well as all who were associated with Saint Teresa's, were valiant women with fine minds and understanding hearts, who made our academy what it will always be . . . an institution long remembered for its thoroughness in education. All of them had the high courage and great confidence in "le bon Dieu" that distinguished the glorious saint of Avila under whose protection the beloved Father Bernard Donnelly placed the small band of nuns who came in 1866 from Saint Louis to teach the daughters of the pioneers of Westport Landing.

Ellen Josephine Green (a graduate of the Old Saint Teresa's)



At the invitation of the Reverend Bernard Donnelly, pioneer priest of Kansas City, six Sisters came to the historic Westport Landing in 1866 to teach in the city's only Catholic school. In 1867 Saint Teresa's Academy for Girls was established on "Quality Hill" at Twelfth and Washington Streets.

As I walk through the grounds of Saint Teresa's and see the buildings of today. I think of my early school days when Saint Teresa's was one building at Twelfth and Washington Streets. There were eight in my class: Molly and Teresa Sage, Elizabeth Green, Anna Conness, Mary Kelley, Josephine O'Flaherty, Jenny



REVEREND BERNARD DON-NELLY . . . at whose request in 1865 to Mother Saint John Facemaz, superior-general of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Carondelet, a pioneer band of six Sisters came to Kansas City from Saint Louis in 1866.

Dickson, and I. We were at school at nine o'clock in the morning, and with an hour out for lunch, we were working until three o'clock.

The activities of our day consisted of regular class work augmented by concerts given by the school orchestra, and elocution recitals. The orchestra consisted of the harp, pianos, violins, guitars, mandolins, and a coronet.

Mother Fidelia was superior at Saint

Teresa's then. Sister Teresa Joseph and Sister Pauline were the music teachers. The first year I was in school, in 1886, Sister Dominica was my teacher, and the next year Sister Laurentine.

One day when Sister Dominica was called to the parlor the class decided to say the rosary instead of studying, as we had been told to do. We were sure Sister would approve. But, when she returned along the hall and heard us, she opened the door and said: "There is a time for saying the rosary, but it is not here." And we did not get any recess for a week.

Memories such as these, simple, rather insignificant ones perhaps, but so very dear to each one of us who attended the Old Saint Teresa's, linger vividly even today. They will always remain as treasures to be passed on to succeeding generations, who, even now, are storing up material for future reminiscing, such as we are doing today.

# Elizabeth Soden Hackett (Class of 1887)

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One night in October, following the June I was graduated from Saint Teresa's, Mother and I, with friends from Atlanta, entered the softly-lighted Saint Ignatius Cathedral in San Francisco: immense in size, gripping in ceremonial features, awesome in unique character and arrangements of saints, and profound in holy atmosphere.

Even at that hour, one o'clock in the morning, many here and there were kneeling at prayer. We knelt. A tender poignance of Saint Teresa's little chapel swept over me—the rosary and the Our Father came to my lips, Then, still kneeling, drinking in the picture of it all, sensing the drama and tragedy in the prayers of those supplicants about me, my eyes fixed upon a wonderful crucifix looking down upon us all. I was moved to an exaltation never before experienced.

To me it was like the blooming into flower of little buds formed during those happy days at Saint Teresa's—days which saw the sowing of such seeds that

could do aught than nourish a taste for the really great things of life. This delightful, this beautiful experience of real living that surged over me in Saint Ignatius Cathedral was just a small part of the myriad of such experiences that have flooded my life . . . acquaintances and friendships with noted writers of Catholic history and tradition, with cultured nuns in all walks of charitable work, with cities and secluded hamlets . . . these things over the whole of my country I have known and loved, and why? What prompted this exploration into mysteries beautiful and truly Divine?

No joy in my life has proven greater for it is a treasure neither death nor robbers can take from me. Surely it must have been that lovely little seed planted in my heart at Saint Teresa's Academy. "Viva la Saint Teresa's!"

Virginia Dickson Blakemore
(Class of 1887)

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The original structure gradually developed into a more extensive building, and for many years, under the title now generally referred to as the "Old Saint Teresa's," occupied its site with justifiable prestige.





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and the

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October Fifteenth, Nineteen Hundred Forty-One (Feast of Saint Teresa of Avila)



#### PROGRAM OF THE DAY

9:00 A.M. Blessing of Donnelly Hall

By His Excellency, Most Reverend Edwin V. O'Hara, D.D.,
Bishop of Kansas City, Missouri

assisted by

Very Reverend Monsignor Thomas B. McDonald, Reverend William F. Harris, Reverend E. M. Owens

9:30 A.M. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
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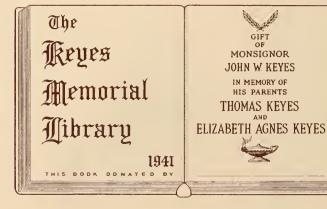






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